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■ FIVE ONBOARD ATV

Teens hurt in ATV accident

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

One young man is in serious condition at Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital, another is coping with bad leg injuries and another three have minor injuries after all five crashed aboard one All-Terrain Vehicle near Koshlong Lake August 12 around noon.

The five teenagers were speeding along Ripple Rock Drive, off Universal Road, when their ATV hit a log alongside the gravel road and the driver lost control, police say.

The vehicle ended up in the bush and all five were thrown off. None was wearing a helmet.

Police, ambulance and fire services all attended the scene. Alcohol was not a factor in the collision, police say.

Charges are pending from the technical traffic collision investigators from the OPP.

A press release issued by the OPP says the ATV in the crash had been "stolen from a residence in the Bobcaygeon area in July 2006," but it does not connect those driving the vehicle with its theft.

Meanwhile, Kawartha Lakes OPP reports that a 17-year-old girl was injured in an ATV accident on Sunday afternoon near Woodville when the ATV she was driving entered the ditch and rolled over, pinning her underneath.

She was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Rites of summer

Kyle Kahkonen, 13, has got a smile on for this delicious cob of corn — there were another 299 to be enjoyed by others. For more corn-y photos turn to pages 26 and 27.

HIGHLANDS EAST LAWSUIT

Middleton drops libel suit against *Bancroft Times*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Highlands East's former fire chief Don Middleton has dropped his libel suit against the *Bancroft Times* and has agreed to pay a "modest" sum to the newspaper, says the newspaper's lawyer.

"It's over against the paper and now it can get back to reporting on the story and not being part of it," Stuart Robertson told the *Echo* on Monday morning.

Robertson says the newspaper was caught up in a wrongful dismissal suit by Middleton against Highlands East and some members of council. When Middleton filed his claim in April 2008, he also included a charge of libel against Reeve Dave Burton and the *Bancroft Times* for its story on council's decision to fire Middleton without cause.

"Basically it was a wrongful dismissal suit with defamation as an add-on," Robertson says.

Robertson says that the *Bancroft Times* reporter heard a radio report about Middleton being fired in February 2007. In writing the story, he phoned Burton for a comment. Middleton said that segment of the story was libelous and included this claim in his two-pronged wrongful dismissal lawsuit. Middleton was asking for a total of \$1.5 million in damages.

Robertson says that after a couple

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■ MNR FINE

Unauthorized trail work leads to \$2,500 fine

A resident of Haliburton County has been fined for undertaking unauthorized trail work in the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve along the south shore of Red Pine Lake.

Larry Hewitt, of West Guilford, pleaded guilty to constructing a trail on public land and to constructing a trail in a conservation reserve, both without the authority of a work permit. Hewitt was fined \$2,500 and is also to make a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association in the amount of a further \$2,500.

Court heard that between June and August 2008, Hewitt made improvements and alterations to an old logging trail that crossed the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve along the south shore of Red Pine Lake using heavy machinery. A 2.9-kilometre section of trail contained approximately nine sites where major work had

been done without a work permit under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act. As well, work was done without permit under the Public Lands Act on a 400-metre section of trail crossing adjoining Crown land. The requirements for a work permit were known to Hewitt before the work was started. The Clear Lake Conservation Reserve was regulated in 1997 and is approximately 1,300 hectares (3,200 acres) in size.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballum heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on August 6.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll free any time or contact your ministry office during regular business hours. You can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

■ OPP BRIEFS

Missing man spends night in bush – then located

A Windsor man spent a night in the bush near Fort Irwin last week.

On August 11 at about 2 p.m., 52-year-old Chris Kolonelos went for a walk on the shores of Oblong Lake. By 10 o'clock that night, he hadn't returned so family members called the Minden OPP.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called shortly before 10 p.m. that night in regards to a missing person in the Oblong Lake area near Fort Irwin in the Township of Dysart et al.

Members of the OPP Emergency Response Team, OPP canine officers, marine officers and the OPP helicopter were involved in the search that carried on through the night.

Shortly after 7:30 the next morning, Kolonelos was located by the helicopter near a small hunt camp. He was in good condition and did not require medical attention.

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Chris Bishop, owner of Sir Sam's Ski Area, walks along one of his mountain biking trails with MP Barry Devolin Friday. Sir Sam's received \$15,000 from the federal government to improve and expand trails.

Local trails get big upgrades

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The life of a Haliburton hiker just got a lot more interesting.

Six county trails – ranging from water use to mountain biking to walking – were given an infusion of \$192,700 for improvements and extensions from the federal government.

Chris Bishop, owner of Sir Sam's Ski Area, said he will use the \$15,000 he received to make the tread smoother for mountain bikers, as well as create a greater variety of paths for different skill levels. Trail improvements make the county a more attractive place to visit and live, MP Barry Devolin said.

"We need to have [infrastructure] in order to compete with other communities, but in addition to facilities we need features in Haliburton County to bring people here," he said atop Sir Sam's Ski Area hill where he announced the funding.

The Gooderham walking trail around the community centre was also the recipient of some of the money, helped along by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.

Initially approached by Ken Hoeverman, the president of the OFTR, the Gooderham Community Action Committee had about \$600 to spend on finishing the project.

Hoeverman canvassed local riding groups to see if they would pitch in and with the help of the ATV association and OFTR reached \$1,800.

The grant effectively doubles that money and now the trail can be completed in a 1.25-kilometre circuit by the river around the community centre.

"We spent five years planning the trail around the park with Trails and Tours ... but we couldn't get funding," said action committee chairperson Barb Bader.

They started building part of it this spring and have one-third finished with the \$1,700 they were able to contribute. With this grant, the group will hire four local workers to finish the project by the end of the summer. "A lot of people are using it as is," Bader said, "it keeps people off the highways ... people wanted a safe place to walk."

In September, the action committee plans to have a big celebration of three major grants it has received this year: one for the trail, another for playground equipment and the third for the ice rink.

Other projects that were granted funding include the Haliburton County Rail Trail, which gets \$53,500 to widen the trail between Haliburton and the Fish Hatchery to allow lanes for different vehicles; Cardiff gets \$47,850 to re-establish the trail within the town; the ATV association receives \$3,750 to grade trail bed and the water trails get \$55,800 to expand canoe routes. The money for the Gooderham walking trail will come out of the \$16,800 grant given to Highlands East to work on the I.B.&O. rail trail at Tory Hill.

Part of the agreement on the grants is for the recipient to put in the same amount as the government, making the investment in local trails \$385,400.

Group requests ATV access roads on Haliburton Lake

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dysart et al council meeting on August 10.

Members of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association made a presentation to councillors requesting that ATVs be permitted on municipal roads surrounding the lake, including Haliburton Lake Road. This, members reasoned, would make passage to the provincial roads, on which ATVs are permitted, much easier for recreational vehicle users. Members brought with them a petition signed by some 310 supporters.

"This is a complex issue for us," said Reeve Murray Fearrey, pointing out there are both advocates and opponents of the idea, but also adding that many ATV riders currently use municipal roads and just speed to get to legal, provincial turf.

Fearrey told them that council members would need more time to contemplate the issue and that they could expect a decision at a council meeting in September.

Dog bylaw scrapped

A report from the municipality's municipal law enforcement officer suggested that council amend the township's dog bylaw to restrict the number of dogs per household to three. This, the report said, is common practice in many Ontario municipalities. In these municipalities, homes with more than three dogs are classified as kennels and the owners are subjected to licensing fees.

However, Fearrey pointed out that two dogs could be louder than eight dogs, depending on the dogs and the owners. "The number of dogs is irrelevant," Fearrey said. The amendment failed to pass.

Property owners want snow plowing help

A group of property owners from Trafalgar Road want their snow removal grant increased, since they are now collectively paying somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$3,000 a year for the removal of snow from four driveways and the 200-metre long road. Gary Spry, who headed the delegation, said at one point the municipality did a much better job with snow removal on the road. "We're not here to complain," Spry said, "but where's the services?"

"You're not the only road like this," Fearrey told Spry. Fearrey said councillors would have to review the township's snow removal policy and that the matter would be reviewed by Dysart's roads superintendent.

Sign bylaw changes

Amendments to the township's sign bylaw passed by council mean a \$50 application fee will now apply to those seeking relief of provisions of the sign bylaw.

GLOBETROTTING

Tales from a trip to Turkey

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Apparently if you spend enough time living in a foreign country you'll start dreaming in the native tongue. Just ask Eagle Lake resident Madison Espie, who recently returned from a year-long journey to Turkey as a Rotary exchange student.

"I can speak [Turkish] a lot better than I can read or write it," laughs the 18-year-old who's been hard at work at Cindy's clothing store in Haliburton Village since she returned home in late July.

Madison says she wanted to experience a Rotary exchange so she could see some "really, really cool stuff."

So did she see any really, really cool stuff?

"I saw lots of really, really awesome stuff," she said, remembering her visits to Istanbul, Bodrum, Kusadasi, Bozcaada, Fethiye, Ankara, and Cappadocia.

Madison stayed with three different families, each for four months at a time. Each family, she says, offered something different to her experience.

A traveller never really knows what she'll encounter away from what she's familiar with but that's half the fun.

Her first host family was the Ozkans. They were not poor in health or happiness but the hard-working sin-



Madison reads the *Echo* in front of Turkey's national mosque, the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, in Istanbul. /Photo submitted

gle mother – a lawyer with two sons – didn't make a lot of money despite her hard work.

There wasn't much food in the fridge so Madison would fetch some pasta and vegetables from the market and make dinner for the boys aged 13 and 18.

Madison attended Grade 12 at a private school called Izmir Ozel Camlalar Leslie. Considering herself as an extreme extrovert, she had thought she was one of the louder students at Hal High. But in Turkey, "Oh my God these kids were so loud," she said. "They actually scared me."

The students were nice to Madison, but "with a detached interest."

The kids her age were all very focused on school (when they weren't being loud) especially in the last two months when they skipped school to study for a massive year-end test. The university acceptance rate is about 1.8 million students out of three million applicants, about 60 per cent.

"And it's family shame if you don't get into university," Madison said.

Her school was strict, she said, "a far cry" from the freedoms and extras at Hal High.

"We had to wear a uniform and the principal was strict," said Madison. "The only extracurricular activity was the drama class and a music club once a month."

Volleyball never got off the ground, which had a lot to do with the teachers' lack of effort.

"Not like the dedicated teachers here at Hal High," she said.

Social life

Rather than making friends with people of her own age, she found most of her Turkish friends in the drama class with students that varied in age from Grades 4 to 11.

Part of being on a Rotary exchange is being a representative of Canada and doing things that benefit others. But Madison says it was tough finding volunteer opportunities. So she started a club where she taught English two days a week for two periods to stu-

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Madison never did get hang of traditional dance

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dents wanting to improve their English.

She became close with the other Rotary exchange students in her district, including seven Americans, two Brazilians, one Mexican, and one other Canadian, all of whom lived near her in the first four months.

One of her funnier, yet more embarrassing experiences, was learning a traditional Turkish dance.

"I was so bad at it that they didn't ask me to do it again," said Madison who admits she doesn't have a coordinated bone in her body.

Hard times

In November Madison moved to a small city called Seferihisar (pop. 43,361), which was completely different from her first four months. Her second family – the Yoruks – were a higher class family who lived in a high-security compound



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about 45 minutes southwest of Izmir. Her housefather was a lawyer, her housemother a stay-at-home mom/engineer.

While she had many fun and amazing learning experiences it was far from a vacation. Madison remembers calling home a few times in tears.

When she first arrived she felt that Turkey was against her and she had to overcome different bouts of homesickness.

"I just remember things that were so hard at first, like the language," she said. "I was like 'I miss Canada.' I was basically annoyed and didn't sleep well. I wanted things to be back to normal."

With time she felt settled but it didn't make things easier. For example, when she left the Ozkan family, she missed them. School, she says, made it even harder as it was so vastly different from Hal High. But her strong character helped her work through the emotions.

"I knew I would love it if I stuck with it," she said.

She even had a hard time when it came time to leave the country. "I couldn't pack," she said. "The thought of leaving made me sick."

While she was more than 8,000 kms from home, one small but significant comfort was the night sky; looking up she gazed at the same constellation of stars that her friends and family Canada would be looking at.

Despite all the ups and downs of living in a foreign country, the experience was definitely a positive one. And for that she thanks the Rotary Club of Haliburton and Rotary International.

"It is an experience I'll never forget and carry with me throughout my life."

What's next for Madison Espie?

Madison is looking forward to starting Grade 12 at Hal High in September. While she wasn't able to graduate with her class this year, she certainly doesn't regret her decision to go to Turkey.

Another reason she wanted to experi-



Madison, pictured here working at Cindy's in Haliburton Village, is excited about starting Grade 12 at Hal High this September. She didn't graduate with her class last year but said the year-long trip to Turkey was well worth the wait. /Photo by Matt James

ence a Rotary exchange was to see what might be out there in life, to search for what she might want to pursue as a career.

"I did a lot of searching," she said. "And it made things a whole heck of a lot more confusing. It didn't really help at all but it was so much fun trying."

Rather than narrowing down career options she's come up with "with a gazillion other options," which she views as a positive.

Last year was Madison's third attempt for the year-long Rotary exchange and in retrospect, Madison is glad Rotary previously turned her down.

"Even though I didn't get to graduate

with the rest of Hal High it was so worth the wait," she said. "I appreciate Rotary's discretion. If I was younger I don't think I would have accepted Turkey as well as I did."

So how did the trip change her?

"I feel like I've gotten a lot quieter," she said with a hint of disappointment. "I've matured a whole heck of a lot."

In the past if there was a vocal battle she'd be in it. Now, she says, she picks her battles and is more aware of her surroundings and the choices she makes.

See the *Minden Times* for Chad Ingram's story regarding the county's next Rotary exchange student.

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ON ITS WEBSITE, the Haliburton ATV Association calls Haliburton County the closest thing to ATV heaven. It talks about the beauty of the area, the easy access of hundreds of kilometres of trails and the progressive attitude of local councils that make all of this happen. It also encourages ATV riders to drive safely and prudently, noting that "yahoo" riders threaten the sustainability of what is for most people a pleasurable recreational activity.

Last week's accident involving five people on one ATV is bound to raise the public's concerns about ATV safety and the growing number of ATVs on our roads. While it's unfair to judge all ATV riders by those who are obviously

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breaking the rules – even ATVs that have two seats are not allowed on county roads – ATV enthusiasts have to acknowledge that every accident raises the profile of ATVing in a negative way.

What started out as a pastime of outdoor enthusiasts, many of them middle-aged adults, has become mainstream. ATVs are the snowmobiles of the other three seasons. They take people into beautiful backwoods country. The problem is how do you get from trail to trail? It was too burdensome to have to arrange ways to trailer your ATV from trailhead to trailhead so most highways and roads in the county were opened up to ATVs. The Haliburton ATV Association has done an admirable job in promoting responsible ATVing. It organizes events, has its members patrol the Rail Trail and has numerous clean-up days. They do much of the work to keep trails clear of hazards.

Now that you can go virtually anywhere on an ATV at any time, their popularity has grown. The sheer increase in the number of ATVs is bound to increase the number of accidents but what the general public tends to dislike is the type of accidents taking place. Very few accidents are on forested trails by people who are out enjoying a leisurely ride. The Ontario Injury Prevention Association says that in 2008, 15 people a day went to hospital emergency sites because of ATV-related injuries. One of them is usually hospitalized. Perhaps not surprisingly, young males age 15 to 19 are most commonly injured.

More training is required and perhaps even more rigorous licensing. Given the inherent risks involved in riding a motorcycle, riders must pass a specialized test; a driver's licence isn't good enough. Perhaps we need to do the same thing with young ATV riders. They need to know that ATVing is fun and safe when done in a safe manner. Even if they don't follow the rules afterwards, at least they will know them.



Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?

Photo by Matt James

River romance

Loggers' Crossing, the new bridge over the Gull is very handsome with its smooth burnished frame and comfortable cedar planking and makes it a very popular new addition to Minden's constantly improving Riverwalk. I see more people and their dogs making the circuit down one side and back the other.

Minden, like just about every other significant town or city (especially in North America) was virtually created by a river (in combination with the completion of the Bobcaygeon Road). Now, the Gull transports tourists and river raft racers where it used to be the main thoroughfare for logs heading for various mills in the early years. Think of a major city, and you can bet there's a major river leading to it. Toronto was created by the meeting of the Don River and Lake Ontario.

Where would Montreal be without the St. Lawrence? New York City was joined to inland cities by the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. The mighty Mississippi flows from Minneapolis/St. Paul down to New Orleans, creating a list of cities as long as the river itself; including St. Paul, St. Louis, Memphis, Natchez and Baton Rouge – and just about as many songs and stories.

Mark Twain wrote his most famous works around the Mighty Mississippi, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and his masterpiece, *Huckleberry Finn*, both of which were inspired reading for every kid of my generation, although political correctness occasionally removes these fabulous tales from reading lists.

Mark Twain actually took his pen name from his days of working on the Mississippi River boats which had to take depth soundings every mile or so because of the changing sandy bottom.

The boatman would lower the sounding line and holler "Mark Twain," which meant there

were two fathoms under the boat (12 feet). Before he became Mark Twain, the author's given name was Samuel Clemens.

Old Man River was one of the hit songs from the musical *Showboat*. Basin Street Blues was a hit by the Mills Brothers. Big River was one of Johnny Cash's greatest hits. St. Louis blues, by any number of singers are just a few of the songs about the Mississippi. And speaking of hit songs, Moon River was written by Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer, reportedly in-

spired by Muskoka's Moon River where Henry Mancini visited at different times.

(This is the story I heard, and I'm sticking to it.) Of course we would be remiss if we didn't mention one of the Gull River's most popular and famous features, namely the white water reserve where a spectacular length of rapids thunders down from Horseshoe Lake over rocks and around corners until it crashes into a foaming, whirling pool before resuming its calm journey, widening out to what we call Minden Lake.

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Omega Man

"Finally," I laughed maniacally, "a good reason!" And then, without saying a word, I left my computer and immediately drove over to the store and purchased five cans of sardines. A few minutes later, I returned bearing what had, until then, been contraband in our home.

"Tell me you're going to use those to bait bears," said my wife, a woman whose hatred of all things sardine-like is legendary. Whether herrings, sardines, or kippers, it matters not. For some reason, the mere sight of small decapitated, fully boned fish packed in oil causes her to enter into something ap-

proaching convulsions.

"I'm going to eat them," I announced confidently. "Doctor's orders."

"The doctor told you to eat sardines?"

"She said I needed more Omega 3 in my diet," I replied as I held the sardines to the heavens. "These little beauties are full of Omega 3."

Actually, my doctor told me to ramp up my level of activity and add ground flax to my regular meals, which, in case you've never

had the pleasure of trying it, tastes

something like stale sawdust. So, after two meals with this sprinkled on top, I consulted the Internet, as men have always done in times of great darkness, and there, was informed that sardines are an excellent source of Omega 3.

Suddenly, I realized that Neptune himself had given me a licence to purchase sardines. I stood humbled by my good fortune, stifling a manly tear, and wondering what I had done to deserve this great gift.

I won't lie to you. For a short while, the heady power of it all went to my head. In the store, while trying to decide whether I would buy my sardines in oil, spring water, or tomato sauce spiced with hot chilis, I strutted just a bit.

"See these sardines?" I said to a man dutifully reaching for the canned tuna. "I'm buying me some."

He looked at me in the way, I presume, that slaves look at free men. You could tell that deep in his heart, he longed for the oily flavour of sardines too. But sadly, his wife ordered him to bring the cart over to the pickles before he could screw up the courage to reach for them.

I'm not sure why women are like this with sardines. I suspect it might be an insecurity caused by the fact that sardines form the culinary basis of bachelorhood. Perhaps they realize that sardines are the one food that goes well with sitting on the couch in your underwear and watching a football game. All I know for sure is that my wife was truly horrified.

"Is there no other way?" she asked, her lower lip trembling.

"No," I said. "Sardines are now a part of our life."

Blanching, she immediately went to the computer and did a bit of research. When she returned, she told me, in no uncertain terms, that we had other options.

"Look," I said, "you're not about to base your whole argument on medical information you read on the Internet are you? That'd be silly."

What followed was a brief but frank discussion in which we decided that, if I were to indulge in sardines, there ought to be a few simple ground rules. The long and short of it is that I can eat them to my heart's content. That is, so long as I'm outside of the 500-metre restraining area, brush my teeth several times, and gargle with a full bottle of mouthwash before returning home. She also suggested that I take them along and eat them on any bear hunt I participate in, provided, of course, that my life insurance is up to date.

Otherwise, we've decided that I'm going for a long walk every night and eating flax.

tales from



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pic of the past

Looking over this week's photo brings back memories of the country and western hit "I'd give all of my tomorrows just for one more yesterday."

This is just what some of these students in the Grade 7 and 8 classes in 1952 might be thinking as they look at this photo today.

It was taken at the Victoria Street School in Haliburton. Front row, from left: Dennis Snider, Dale Robertson, Allan Hoxie, Maxine Trudeau, Pat Perrin, Shirley Johnston, Shirley Dummitt, Lynda Brodhagen, Ruth Coneybeare, Sharon Parish, Brenda Lynn Austin, Carolyn Brennan, Faye Walling, Betty Lou Parish, Wendy Bishop, Wayne Woods, Murray Pearson, Delmar Neimann, Second row from left: ?, Howard Higgins, Bill Gliddon, Dorothy Glazenbrooke, Lois Giles, Donna Webb, Brenda Watt, Francis Roberts, Phillis Taylor, Delaine Vickery, Roberta Whittaker, Patsy Bell, Muriel Little, Carol Roberts, ?, Arthur Daniels, Jim Reynolds. Back row from left: Jerry Howe, Janis Chu, Walter Daniels, Paul Howe, Karl Miller, Don Perrin, R. Chu, Frank (Buzz) Hodgson, Raymond Scheffee, Mervyn Elstone, Grenville Bird, Gerald Bannon, Jim Johnston (teacher and principal).

letters to the editor

Bikini-clad boaters respond

To the Editor:

In response to "Of boats and bikinis," letters August 12 *Echo*.

I just want to clarify that because something is written in the paper, does that suddenly make it true, accurate and justified? I think not! Obviously some people have their own opinions and judgments of what constitutes "common sense" and exaggeration and chauvinism are prevalent themes with this letter.

Case in point - the fact that there are eight "bikini-clad" ladies in a boat has no bearing on a person's "common sense," nor ability to operate a boat. Might I mention, of those bikini-clad ladies, were three mothers who would not put a young child at risk and in no manner did so on August 2. To clarify, the so-called "passing" occurred at the mouth of channel entering Kashagawigamog Lake at a speed of less than 10 mph. Might I also mention there is no posted wake zone or speed

limit in that channel. Considering there were people in a 19' bow rider, yes there was a bit of a wake but certainly not a "swamping" wake. Our friendly boater wave was met with a not-so-friendly gesture.

Was that part of the "valuable lesson" the other driver's four- and six-year-old grandsons received? What I would consider common sense: if you're uncomfortable with a bit of wake, then Kashagawigamog Lake on a civic holiday weekend in a 14' aluminium boat carrying children may not be the safest, best option!

P.S. The "eight bikini clad" ladies are all original residents of Haliburton and we are all well aware of the rules of the waters and familiar with the lake. We would not have, nor did we pass in an unsafe or unfamiliar area.

Brandi Hewson

On behalf of the bikini-clad boaters
Haliburton

Ground rules for dog owners

To the Editor:

I am a cottager on the same lake where there is a "family" of seven dogs.

I have listened to them barking, and watched them on their small deck.

It has been very frustrating to have my weekend ruined having to listen to the turmoil going on at this house. I, too, have dogs that I consider family. But my family and this other family have some traits that are different.

For instance, my "family" has been taught good manners.

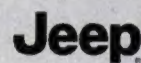
They are not allowed to bark at every moving thing that passes on the road.

When my dogs bark, that is code to me that they need to go in the cottage.

And I am happy to do as they request.

My dogs have also been taught that it is bad manners to nip at people's heels as they pass by.

See **Neighbours** page 9



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Community spirit the fuel for Wilberforce fair

To the Editor:

Wilberforce may not be a big town by most standards, but this small community can do wonderful things working together. Saturday, August 8 was an example of just that when a multi-generational group of volunteers worked hard, organizing and running the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair.

This year the weather cooperated and the fair was a grand success.

Although it is rewarding to see the general public coming in and enjoying the fruits of our labours, what I find heart warming is seeing volunteers ranging from pre-teens to very senior citizens working together, all contributing in whatever way they can.

This year teenagers helped their dad run the food booth, grown sons helped their 81-year-old father run his rope-making machine, seniors manned the gates, sold coffee and kept watch over displays, and younger children ran errands and were willing to help any

way they could.

Gerald Shackleton, who helped to get this small fair started 25 years ago, now 92 years of age, was at the fair with an amazing assortment of his garden produce to exhibit.

He is truly an inspiration!

It's a privilege to work with seniors whose bodies may not be as capable as they once were, but who can pass on so much wisdom, and to be joined by the younger ones who are willing to do the work.

And when the day was over, this community of volunteers laboured diligently cleaning and packing up.

I thoroughly enjoy volunteering on the fair board because these people can work together and have fun at the same time.

Thank you to all and congratulations for a job well done.

Joanne Vanier
Wilberforce



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In Search of Paradise an exquisite exhibit

To the Editor:

I'm writing to encourage all of your readers to see the new exhibits at the Rails End Gallery.

The Echo-sponsored "In Search of Paradise" is exquisite.

Ying-Yueh Chang's delicate pastel clay pieces are displayed as the four seasons, in sharp and effective contrast against the rough wooden floorboards and ceiling of the historic Haliburton railway

station.

Also not to be missed are the "Sixteen Paddles" on loan from the Peterborough Canoe Museum.

Kirk Wipper's collection of carved and painted paddles is as good as it gets.

Cottagers, campers, and all those lucky enough to call this town home – support curator Laurie Jones and the little gallery that could!

Nancy Dix
Toronto

Neighbours out of patience on matter of barking dogs

from page 7

I have spoken to a few people who have had one of the seven dogs taste their ankles as they pass by.

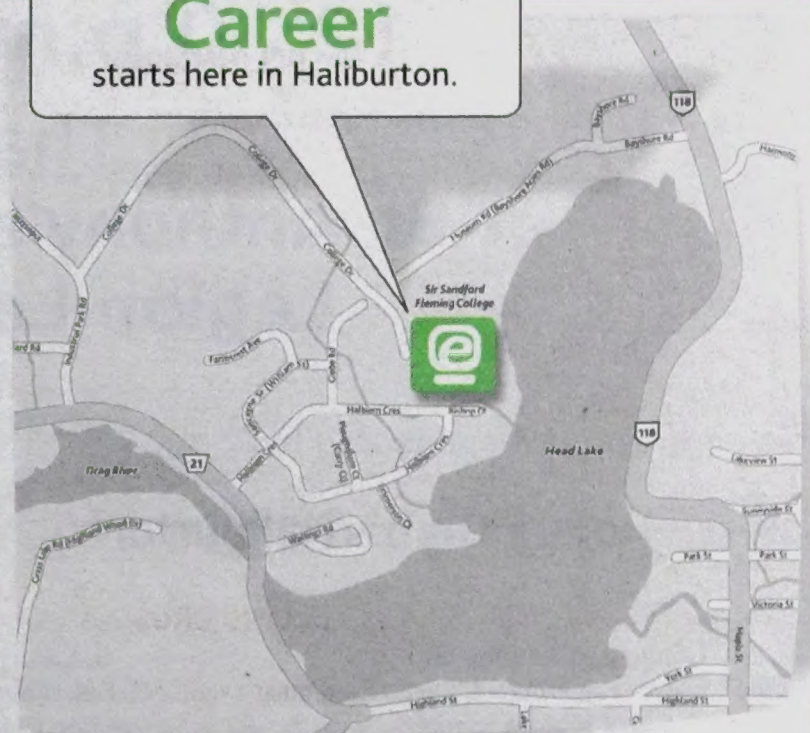
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The neighbourhood has run out of patience.

Anne Jenson
Kitchener

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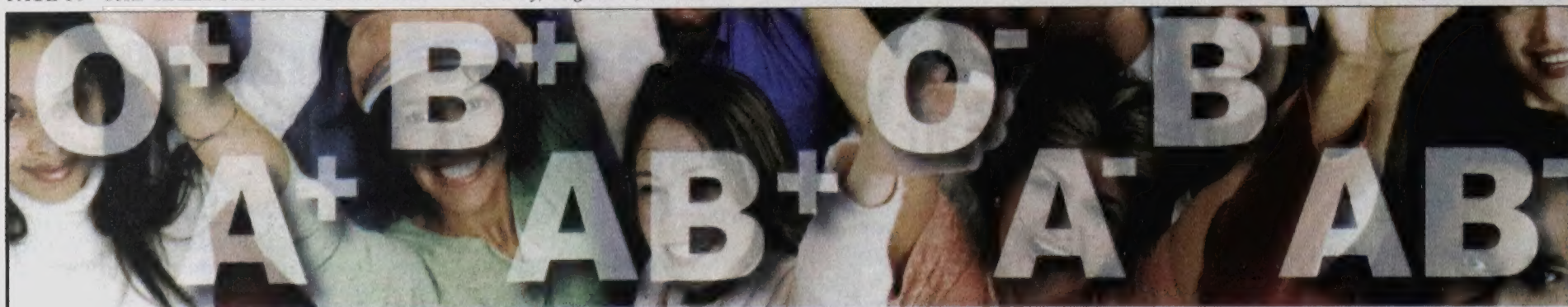


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MINING ACT

FUME in on mine talks

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The local anti-uranium group, FUME, was granted two seats to the government's proposed mining act revisions on Thursday, August 6 in Toronto.

Robin Simpson, a co-founder of Fight Unwanted Mining and Exploration, sat in one seat while fellow Highlands East resident Roger Young took the other.

"It was interesting to watch," Simpson said the next day. "A lot of it was about wording."

Simpson thanks everyone who wrote emails asking that FUME be allowed to make presentations at the hearings. He also extended thanks to MPP Rick Johnson, who Simpson says has helped with everything that has been asked of him and more.

Simpson and Young each had seven and a half minutes to present their points.

"We listened to about 15 presentations and the only conclusion I can come to is no one is happy with the revised act," Simpson wrote in a mass email on August 12.

"Miners, prospectors, native people

and activist groups all had strong comments to make regarding the proposed changes, most made suggestions."

But Simpson says unless the proceedings are extended by the committee, the meeting in Toronto might have been FUME's last chance for changes prior to third reading.

"We may have to make some big noise," he said.

Simpson's concern is that the wording in the revised act would enable the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to reverse position and allow private property to be staked for mining.

There was also a lot of discussion about giving municipalities more power.

Simpson said those on the anti-uranium side thought that more input was needed and that decisions were being made too fast.

Those who wish to comment may send written submissions to the committee clerk at the address below by noon on Friday, September 4.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Cash or vroom?

Don't let the car fool you—Fort Irwin's Candy Sadusek, middle, took the \$25,000 cash prize as this year's winner of the Rotary car drive draw. In last week's Echo Candy's husband, Carl, said she hadn't decided what to do with the cash. But on Tuesday at Curry Motors for the check presentation with Rotary president Maureen O'Hara, left, and chair of the car drive Richard van Nood, right, Sadusek says she'll go a trip and do renovations on the house with the money. For the past eight years she and Carl have run CC's Suds & Grub and they haven't vacationed in 13 years.

Van Nood said the net profit from the car drive ticket sales was about \$40,000. That, on top of the \$8,000 from the midway and food sales from the carnival, makes for a good chunk of change.

"Rotary is very happy that all of that money will go back into the community," said van Nood.



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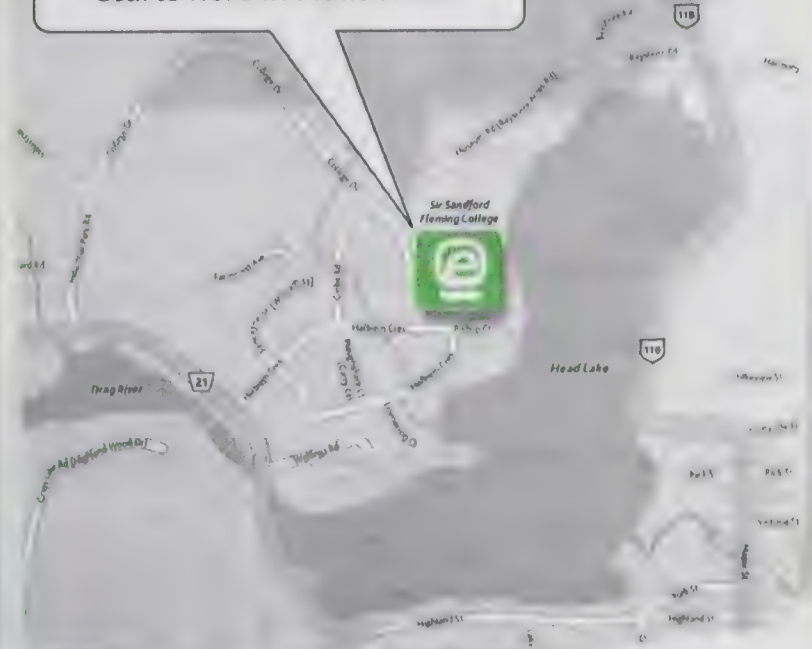
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■ FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT

MNR crews battle fires in B.C.

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The cold, wet Ontario summer has allowed Haliburton Ministry of Natural Resources firefighters to continue helping British Columbia cope with forest fires across that province.

Forty-three staff has been divided into four-person crews that spend two weeks each in B.C. before returning home for a rest from the fires that have been burning since April 1.

Crews have been everywhere in the province from the Yukon border to Vancouver Island battling some of the 2,400 reported fires this summer.

Long-time Haliburton firefighter Brett Flood returned from Clearwater, B.C. on August 9, leaving behind one fire that is still burning.

"For this fire there was no water, so what they had was heavy machinery: bulldozers, high-hoes and stuff like that. There was really no water in the mountains where we were," Flood said.

The fire gobbled up nearly 3,000 acres by the time Flood left.



Twenty-year firefighting veteran, Brett Flood, took photos of the awe-inspiring forest fires dominating the British Columbia landscape. Flood was one of the Haliburton MNR firefighters sent to that province to help out while Ontario weather remains wet and cool.

Unlike Ontario, which is riddled with lakes and ponds, interior B.C. is dry with only small streams here and there.

In order to stop the fire, workers had to build a "14-foot road with no burnable material in it, so the fire would back down it and eventually burn out," Flood said.

He also worked on smaller fires, about 30-by-30 feet, where helicopters with buckets would drop water and the crews would "muck it up" using shovels, turning the soil over to make sure the fire was out.

At the biggest fire that Flood, a crew leader, and his three crew members attended, there were 80 workers – nine helicopters and a dozen heavy machinery vehicles.

The fire was burning back in the bush, far away from any residences, and Flood said the danger to the workers was very low.

"It's not dangerous as long as you know what you're

doing. You don't put yourself into danger. They're just trees. You put yourself and your safety first. Like I said, they're just trees," he said.

Work in B.C. is not without danger though; a helicopter pilot from Stoney Creek, Ontario, who was assisting with the fires is assumed dead after his aircraft crashed in the Fraser River August 14.

Accommodations for travelling firefighters are quite good, Flood said. Sometimes they were put up in hotels, while other times entire communities were constructed just for the workers.

Flood expects he may go back to B.C. this summer after he's had time to rest.

The sector response officer for Haliburton, Larry Legasy, said the crews will continue to rotate through that province as long as they're needed and as long as Ontario remains forest-fire free.

"We'll support them as long as we're needed," Legasy said.

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HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Radiothon and community raise \$44,000

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The county's two radio stations, 93.5 Moose FM and 100.9 Canoe FM, used the airways to help raise \$44,000 in 24 hours over two days in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services radiothon.

"It was so great having both radio stations participating this year," said HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker.

"We wish to thank the radio stations for their unwavering support, hard work and diligence for this event. Without them it would not be possible."

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both August 13 and 14 volunteers of all sorts helped make it happen.

"Once again the volunteers have stepped up to the plate," said Walker, who said the event would also not be possible without the support of the radiothon's two main volunteers, Brian and Sandre Daoust.

Walker's goal was to reach \$30,000 and donations were accepted on two telephone lines inside what used to be the

Old Country House, by walk-ins, and by fax. The event was continuously promoted on air by the two radio stations.

In addition, R. Robertson Insurance Broker matched all contributions made by their clients with a minimum donation of \$3,000. In total the insurance company raised \$3,500.

The following event sponsors were also thanked: Jim Winn, Bell communications; Maarten Steinkamp, for use of the Old Country House building; and the Municipality of Dysart for the two parking spaces in front of Old Country House.

Thanks also to auction donors Northern Expression for a dock chair and foot rest won by Barrie and Sue Maxwell for \$350; Carriage House Contracting for 9' cedar Haliburton room won by Diane Wigley for \$5,250; and a one-week, two-bedroom condo stay at Horseshoe Resort from an anonymous donor won by the Blacks and the Forgraves for \$875.

Food sponsors were Reunion Island Coffee, Subway Haliburton, McKecks, Apple Jack's, Godfathers Pizza, and Ray's Pizza.



Insurance brokers Ross and Marilynne Robertson matched their clients' donations to the radiothon. In the end they signed a cheque worth \$3,500.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Donna Smith, a member of the Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and Canoe FM volunteer, was just one of many volunteers answering phones on August 13 and 14 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's radiothon in support of the stationary ceiling lifts.

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HIGHLANDS EAST BRIEFS

Council frustrated over mothballed TSW report

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the August 11 Highlands East council meeting.

Highlands East has joined county council in voicing its frustration with federal and provincial governments' sluggishness on a Trent-Severn Waterway report published a year ago.

"It's time for action," Councillor Suzanne Partridge said.

County council had sent a letter to the municipality asking for its support to complete the recommendations of the report called *It's All About the Water*.

The report, which was released March 2008, asked for better communication

between the federal and provincial governments; to give Parks Canada more control over water management; and to give those living on the watershed a voice in the decision-making process.

"It affects a lot of people in our own municipality ... some drastically," Partridge said.

In supporting the resolution, Highlands East will send letters to the federal ministry of environment and the provincial ministries of natural resources and environment.

Landfills to collect tires for free

Tipping fees on car, truck and tractor tires will be waived at all Highlands East landfills beginning September 1.

The municipality has signed up for the Ontario Tire Stewardship program, a not-

for-profit company that collects old tires and recycles them into new products.

OTS picks up the tires and even pays the municipality for being a "collector" on its behalf.

Formerly it cost \$3 a tire for regular vehicles, \$12 a tire for a medium truck and up to \$45 a tire for very large vehicles.

Roads department to fix Cardiff flooding

A portion of Hemlock Street in Cardiff will be dug up to stop a water problem that has flooded at least three homes so

far.

In order to get the water to flow properly the entire area will have to be surveyed and graded, since culverts under residents' driveways vary in height, inhibiting water flow.

"An entire study needs to be done [of the hamlet]," said Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie.

For now, council decided to fix the problem on Hemlock, but pledged to do a study of the entirety of Cardiff and look for government grants to complete the work.

Three Rockin' Events in the County!

Friday August 21st

Haliburton County Fair
Minden Fairground
50/50 Plays 4pm - 8pm

Fun Starts at 5pm

Stanhope Street Dance

- Barbecue
- Wagon Rides
- Face Painting & More!

Dance on the street to 50/50 Country Rock Band
Zion United Church

Saturday August 22nd

7pm

50/50 Band



Gord Kidd, Wayne Revoy,
Chris Russell, Scott Russell

Community Care "ROAD SHARKS" Motorcycle Poker Ride

Halco Plaza (behind Home Hardware)

Registration 10am

Ride Returns at 3pm for BBQ & Live Music with 50/50 Band

Sunday August 23rd

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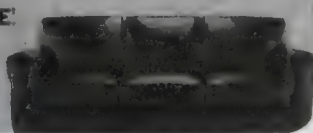
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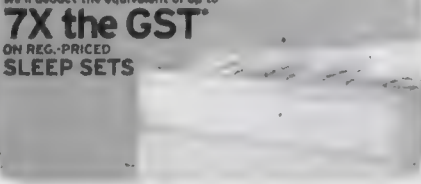
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WILDLIFE IN YOUR BACKYARD

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Send it in to jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca.



Anne Mills couldn't resist taking this shot of a bee on a rain-covered flower.



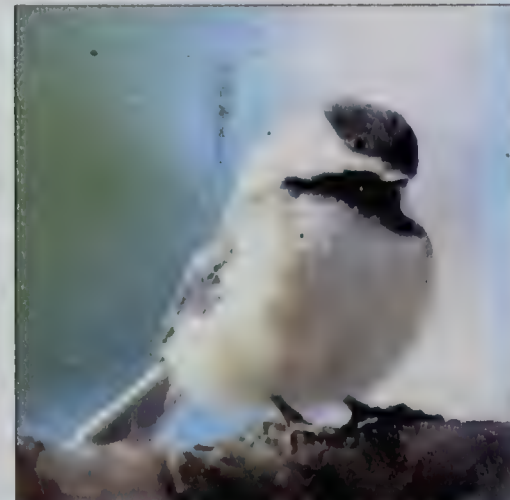
Sixteen-year-old Billy Janitsch captured this close shot of a dragonfly while in his canoe on Portage Lake.



Patti Prentice snapped this early morning guest in Minden.



Donald Fraser caught this squirrel stealing nuts at his cottage.



Billy Janitsch saw this chickadee in his backyard.



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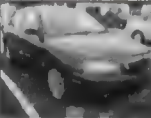



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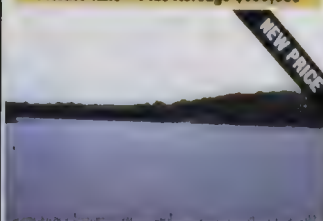
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Libel suit dropped

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of days of disclosure hearings in a Belleville court, there was a separate motion scheduled for August 11 in Belleville to deal with the libel claim.

"What it came down to is there were real costs [in fighting the libel claim]," Robertson said, and it was very important to stop those costs from escalating as the wrongful dismissal suit continued. The newspaper "suffered substantially" in its efforts to fight the claim.

In most cases like this, there are unrecoverable costs, he says. "Even if you think you're entirely in the right there's no way you'll get all your costs back. And that's both sides of it."

That's why it was important, Robertson said, to stop those costs from getting even higher.

On August 11 it was agreed that the libel charge would be dropped. "[Middleton] is making a modest payment to the newspaper," Robertson said, speaking on behalf of *Bancroft Times*.

On Monday, the *Echo* reached Dave Burton at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario convention in Ottawa. He said he had not yet had time to talk to his lawyer about the development and did not yet want to comment.

The *Echo* was unable to reach Middleton for comment on Monday morning before its deadline.



JENN WATT/Echo

Teens thrown from ATV

The OPP were on Ripple Rock Drive near Koshlong Lake last Wednesday to investigate an ATV accident involving five teenaged boys on an ATV. The ATV left the road on a curve and went into the bush, throwing off the five boys. One of the boys is in serious condition.

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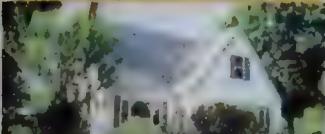
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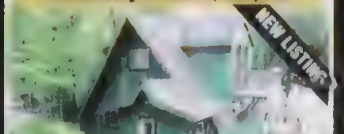
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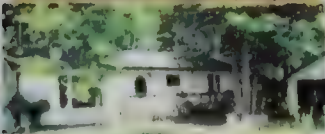
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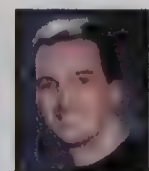
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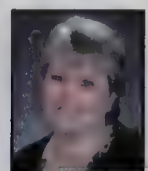


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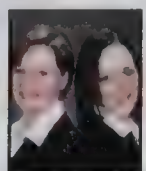
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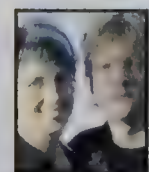
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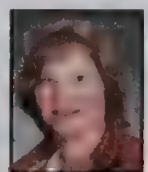
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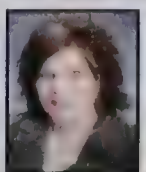
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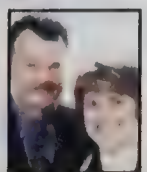
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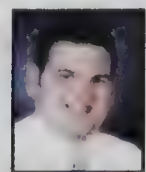
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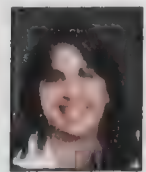
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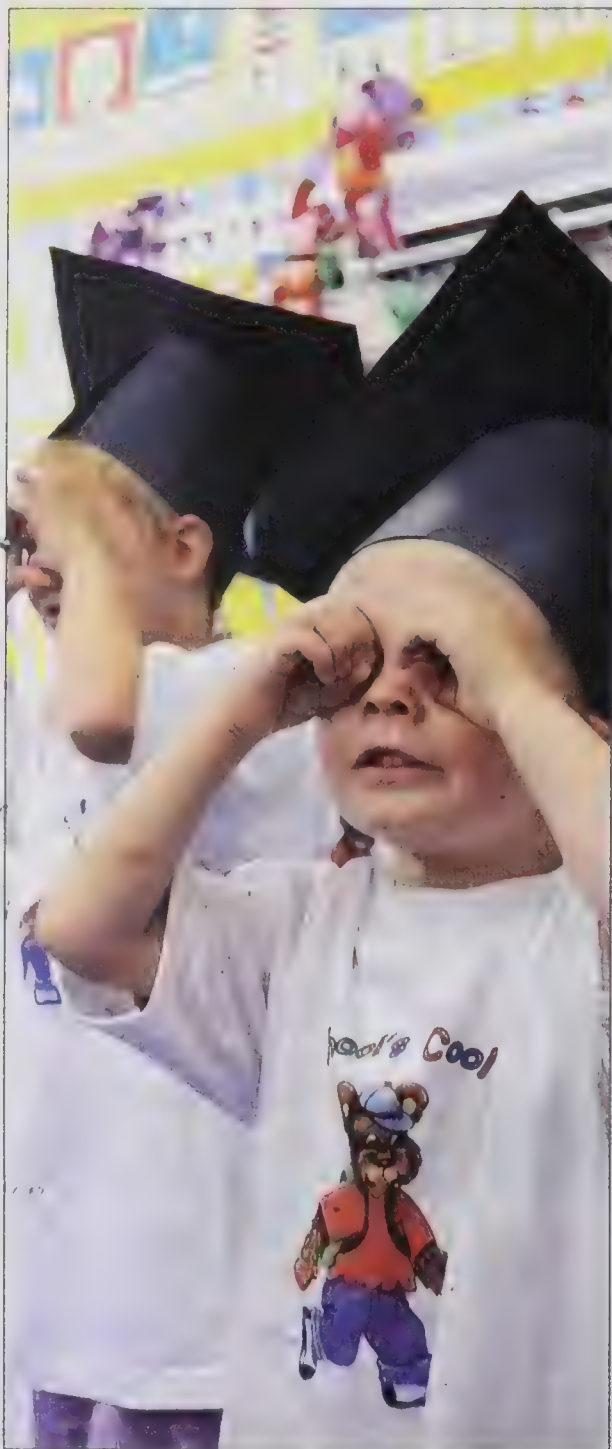
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MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

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Upcoming poll to gauge health care confidence

Haliburton County residents will have an opportunity to shape the delivery of health care in the Central East region as a new telephone poll is launched this week to measure the public's current level of confidence in the health care system.

Close to one thousand households will be contacted by professional polling company NRC Picker and asked a short series of questions related to hospital emergency departments and chronic conditions such as diabetes and stroke.

Strict privacy protocols will be followed and the identity of respondents will be protected. Survey responses will be incorporated into the next Central East LHIN Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) which will guide the direction of the health care system in the Central East region for the next three years.

The plan, which will be published in November, will focus on reducing the amount of time people spend waiting in emergency departments by

improving the way things are currently done and developing alternatives to emergency department care. It will also highlight the impact of vascular disease (diabetes, cardiac disease, strokes, dementia) on patients, their families and the health care system and outline how the health of the community can be improved by enhancing current programs or services or introducing new initiatives.

"The Central East LHIN's IHSP will support provincial priorities identified by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care," said Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN.

"These include improving access to emergency department care, reducing the amount of time that patients spend in alternate level of care beds and supporting the rollout of the current diabetes strategy."

"Feedback from community residents gathered through the telephone polling will be extremely valuable," said James Meloche, senior director of planning, integration and community engagement for the Cen-

tral East LHIN.

"We expect that it will reinforce the direction and information we have received from health care providers and members of our planning partner teams over the last few months as we work together to develop the next plan." The Central East LHIN, along with a number of other LHINs, will be applying the Triple Aim Framework to the next three-year plan.

The framework focuses on enhancing the health of the population, lowering the per capita cost of healthcare, and improving the patient experience. The four priorities identified in the first IHSP will continue to be priority areas in the second IHSP: seamless care for seniors; mental health and addictions; chronic disease prevention and management; and wait times and critical care. Current initiatives such as aging at home and the development of one acute care network will also be included. Visit the IHSP page on the Central East LHIN website at centraleastlin.on.ca to learn more about the development of the 2010-213 plan.



Sharing stories

As the sun set over Head Lake Park recently, three friends gathered to share their news under a tree: Jen Mulling, Jenn Lacina and Sarah Lee, cottagers on Little Redstone Lake. Photo by Martha Perkins.

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PhD student John Benson has climbed into a few wolf dens in the past two years. But at the Haliburton Forest he helped kids find a hidden wolf radio collar with an antenna. /Photos by Matt James

DISCOVERY DAYS

Experts help kids understand wolves

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Wolves are one of the most majestic four-legged beasts to roam the forests of Ontario but they're also lean, mean, killing machines!

Nature isn't always pretty (though wolves are pretty darn cute when they're pups) and the latest Discover Days, put on by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out To Learn, was designed to teach kids about wolves' habits.

And to properly do that they brought in a dynamic duo of scientists to the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

Brent Patterson is a scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources' wildlife research and development out of Peterborough. John Benson is a Trent University PhD student. Together they know a lot about our native wolves, *canis lupus*, the grey wolf, and *canis lycaon*, the Eastern Canadian wolf.

Wolves in Ontario

In Ontario approximately 8,000 wolves occupy 85 per cent of the province's historical range, which covers about 800,000 square kilometres. Patterson's research shows that wolf populations are stable and perhaps increasing.

In Haliburton County, the grey and Eastern Canadian wolves hunt and feast on such animals as moose, deer, and beaver. Identifying a grey or Eastern Canadian wolf is usually second nature to scientists like Patterson and Benson but sometimes they just can't tell, especially in the forests of Ontario.

Up until 1930 Ontario was without a similar four-legged canine – the coyote. However, since the coyote's arrival it seems that male and female coyotes just aren't that attracted to each other. The eastern wolves decided to mate with coyotes. Greys will mate only with wolves, and not coyotes. The eastern wolf just doesn't care. Why? Because of physical similarities? Indifference?

That's part of what Patterson and Benson want to find out with their research.

While there's no need just yet to panic regarding a loss of species it is worrisome from a scientific standpoint.

"We want to make sure that we avoid a last-minute 'save the species' campaign," said Benson. "Truthfully, we're not sure how it [the hybridization] will impact [wolves]."

Up to 2005 the province of Ontario practised wolf management. Only recently have society's views changed. Now, says Benson, it's

about the conservation of wolves.

Benson and Patterson have several goals, academically and scientifically in gathering biological examples from the animals.

Wolves, depending on their sex and breed, can weigh 45 to 100 pounds. And from the photos shown by Patterson in a slideshow, wolves can grow to be a heck of a lot bigger than an average man.

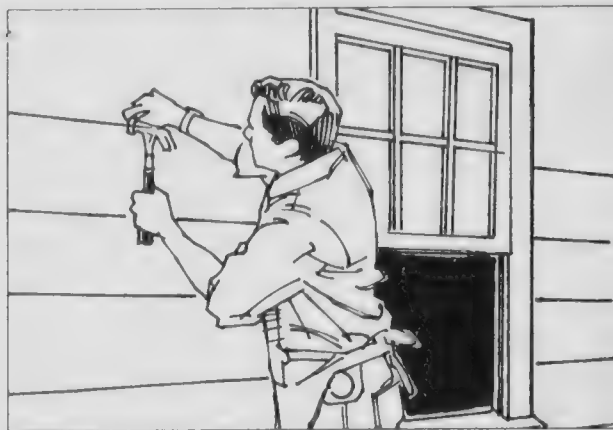
Tracking

You can't have tracking without track so that's what you follow to find wolves. Scientists use a few different gadgets. Since the 1960s radio collars have been popular but are very time-consuming. But welcome to the 21st century. GPS collars get signals from satellites in space. To retrieve data from GPS units some collars are equipped with a small explosive device, which doesn't hurt the animal. And the really smart GPS systems' data can be pulled off remotely and sent to an email inbox. Radio collars and GPS units run between \$300 and \$4,000.

But nothing says tracking like going outside in the summer sun and putting some of what you learned – like how to use a radio collar tracking device – into practice. The kids had some fun searching through the trees for a hidden radio collar.



Annabelle Austin, 8, of Kinmount listens carefully for the beep of a hidden wolf radio collar.



Families gather at community centre

80 Hickses reunite for summer fun

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

August 8 was a busy day at the West Guilford Community Centre. The Hicks family reunion saw an

attendance of about 80. There were games for children, horseshoes for older ones and trophies for winners. Potluck was the order of the day for both lunch and dinner. Families came from Sudbury, Toronto, Oshawa, Barrie and Midland as well as local areas. Good times for all.

On the same day ball hockey was played with enthusiastic teams. Chad Burden's was the winning team, and it sounds as if it's popular enough to be repeated next summer.

Ruth Bain is in Extendercare and would welcome visitors from Guilford.

Euchre results for August 11 are: high scores Ruby Parcells and Perry Morrison; low scores Norma Crewson and Ray Sisson; most lone hands Kay Morrison and Cliff Davison.

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Gailon Valleau painted the mural on the Legion wall to honour our fallen and deceased comrades.
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Legion mural complete

community news

legion br. 129

Carla Watson
457-2571

Have you been by the branch lately and seen the mural on the side wall? It began in 2002 and just recently has been completed. It was painted by a talented member, Gailon Valleau, and funded by members purchasing blocks, many in honour of fallen and deceased comrades. There is a book inside the branch acknowledging the donors and those they remember.

Our regular hours are now Monday 2 to 7 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday 2 to 10 p.m., Friday 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturday 12 to 7 p.m. All times are subject to change for special circumstances and events.

Meat draws are on Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with five draws every half hour. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m.

Our Sunday brunches are very popular for only \$4. The next ones are August 23 and September 6 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you're interested in helping at the brunches we'd be glad to hear from you.

There is a \$1,000 jackpot Bingo every Wednesday until the end of August. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games be-

gin at 7 p.m.

Congratulations go out to Marjorie Peel who celebrates her 98th birthday this month.

The Jim Fletcher Memorial Dart Tournament is August 29 and the Jack Gorin Memorial Golf Tournament will be at Lakeside Golf Course on August 30. There are sign-up sheets and details in the clubroom.

September 20 to 26 is Legion Week. It's a means of making our community more aware of the Legion's contribution to our community, our veterans, our province and our country. Read the *Echo* and listen to the radio for announcement of events planned for Legion Week across Ontario.

At the August general meeting four donations were approved totaling \$1,000: the Lung Association, the Bob Rumball Foundation for the Deaf Summer Camp, Kawartha/Haliburton Victims Services and Easter Seals.

Mark the date of the next general meeting on your calendar now: Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.. There needs to be a quorum so a final decision can be made about the Legion driveway/parking lot. We ask that the public remembers the Legion driveway is not a public thoroughway.

Remember: Wear red on Fridays to support our troops.



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Time: 7:30-8:15 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – Shotgun Start – 18 Hole Tournament

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Derek Carroll and Ray Dugan manage the winds that fueled the Kennisis Lake sailing regatta. Their CL16 came in second in the dinghy class. /Photo by Andy Carroll

■ SAILING

Kennisis Lake continues sailing regatta tradition

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Special to the Echo

The Kennisis Lake Sailing Regatta was held on Sunday, August 2 as part of the 51st Kennisis Lake Regatta celebrations.

At the 1 p.m. start the winds were out of the north-northwest blowing at 5-10 knots. They held steady for the duration of the race and whipped up to 18-20 knots for the last leg.

Considering the summer weather we have had in the Highlands, sailors were fortunate to have had an excellent day for sailing.

The start was in Bullfrog Bay and the course was set northerly to Pine Point, west toward the Blueberry Islands and returning on a reach to the start.

Most sailors finished the fun race and the sailors and crew gathered for an afternoon barbecue and awards presentation.

Many thanks to the sailing regatta volunteers and Andy Carroll who co-mandeered the committee boat and photographed the event.

Kennisis Lake Sailing Regatta Results for 2009:

Laser/Invitation class

Reinhold Scheurer
Cam Douglas
Jim Prince
Garret McGowan, John Schultz
Connor Fraser

Dinghy class

Keegan McCallum, Andrew Barolet (JY15)
Derek Carroll, Ray Dugan (CL16)

Catamaran class

Jim Warne (Hobie 18)
John Cooke, Alvaro Vega (Prindle 18)
Peter Jones/Jaime Kapustyk (Hobie Gettaway)
Gordon Fraser (Hobie Wave)

Windsurfer class

Adrian Devlin
Dan Sutton
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NOTICE (Applicant - MITCHELL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 30, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. Stongman, O.L.S. dated May 19, 2009.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 8th day of September, 2009.

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Dates: September 26th, 2009
Times: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Many gather for Essonville Decoration Day

community news

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

The annual memorial service and Decoration Day at the historic Christ Church and cemetery in Essonville was well attended on Sunday, August 16. The service, led by the Reverend Canon Anne Moore, was the Evening Prayer taken from the Book of Common Prayer. It was this order of service that would have been familiar to those whose who worshipped there in years gone by.

The late Mabel Coumbs and her family were among those who were long-time members of this church. A Bible, which had been presented to the church from St. Barnabas in Toronto in 1932 and read there for many years, was rededicated in Mabel's memory. Her family Shirley Madill, Ruth Strong, Ken and Carman Coumbs carried it to the altar for the dedication. Many

other family members were in attendance as were others who had strong links and many memories of services in this lovely historic place.

Ken Noble, who rang the bell before and after the service, was pleased to have fine pictures and other historic items on display. It was fine service honouring those who worshipped there.

The draw for the Wilberforce Heritage Guild quilt was held at an Afternoon Tea on August 1 at the Outpost Historic House. The winner was Linda Stamp of Mississauga. The Guild extends sincere appreciation to all who sold tickets and to the generous people who purchased them. Proceeds go toward the summer staffing of the museum.

The lawn behind the historic Red Cross Outpost was a pleasant gathering place on Saturday evening, August 15, as the Heritage Guild hosted the 17th anniversary celebrations. People brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the lovely summer evening there by the lake as they watched the fire blaze around the iron pot in which corn was boiling. The festivities included

enjoying the corn, hot dogs and cake and soaking up the history of the place.

The Canadian Red Cross, established in 1909, was only 13 years old when it began the Outpost Nursing Service with its first Ontario outpost right here in Wilberforce. Welcomed to the event were several special guests, volunteers and staff members from the Red Cross branch office in Peterborough. The two-fold celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the

Canadian Red Cross and the 17th anniversary of our Outpost as a historic house museum made this a very special event.

There was a lot of traffic in this area this weekend. Hope lots of people enjoyed all the work of artists taking part in the Highlands East Studio Tour.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSULTATION MEETING CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Special Meeting under Section 26(3) of the Planning Act on

DATE: Saturday September 26th, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss the revisions that may be required when considering an update to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the first draft of the Official Plan submissions to the County of Haliburton that may still be required. County Council will hear presentations but requests that written comments also be provided.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Special Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding the review of the County Official Plan.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

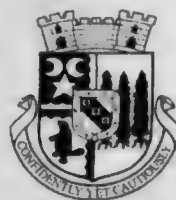
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REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of the first draft of the Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15th, 2009 or by visiting the County website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan - 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 5th day of August, 2009.

For additional information please contact:
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Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Email: tmckelvey@dysartetal.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain lands that have been declared as surplus in the Township of Havelock, County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to the adjoining property owner;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 1st day of September, 2009.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 8th day of September, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 18th day of August, 2009.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

Block C, Plan 377, Conc. 2, Lot 8 & 9, Township of Havelock, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Coming Events

WINTERGREEN WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN Peach Social

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 22, Sun. Aug. 23
Sat. Aug. 29 to Sun. Aug. 30
Sat. Sept. 5 to Sun. Sept. 6

- Wintergreen creates fresh fruit delights with real whipped cream topped with maple syrup and of course fresh peaches
- Come on over and taste test our BBQ sauces, jams, Jellies, Mustards, fruit syrups and homemade preserves
- Join us for fresh baked peach pies or take one home frozen and bake it yourself. Phone to reserve 10 inch pies
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Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only.

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
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- ★ A musical performance by Katherine Wheatley (Folk Society Presentation) Sun., Sept 6th at 8 p.m. performance at 8 p.m.
- ★ Benefit BBQ for H.A.V.E. (Help a Village Effort) at Wintergreen Pancake Barn on Sat., Sept. 12...please reserve by calling 286-3202 (tickets \$20.00 each...meal and entertainment)
- Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility Centre at Wintergreen...by appt. only...call Paul Morin at 286-4360...deadline September 15th

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Enjoy the opportunity to meet new people
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AUGUST 12: STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY DAYS - TO KILL FOR A LIVING - There's something about predators, animals that kill for a living, that sends a shiver down our spines and when it's a large predator it can send more than a shiver! Large predators are an integral part of the forest ecosystem and most are quite secretive. Come and join us as we learn more about one of our forests top predators, the wolf. Presented by Brent Patterson, Research Scientist, OMNR and John Benson, PhD Candidate from Trent University. Radio-telemetry and other field technique demonstrations. Space is limited. Adults \$15.00, Children \$8.00 Family \$30.00. For more information call 705-286-5201 or email shirley.davison@ontario.ca

AUGUST 12: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, this is a Family event. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email dc@algonquinhighlands.ca

AUGUST 12: ART TALK - ENCHANTED BY ANATOLIA - THE WONDERS OF TURKEY - Presented by the Haliburton School of the Arts- Fleming College. Join Michael Shebe and Judith Dingle for a visual feast of the wonders of Turkey, its culture, history, art, handicrafts, cuisine, people and places. Michael and Judith have traveled extensively throughout Turkey over the past 11 years studying the arts and photographing its wonders. Free admission. 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall Fleming College - Haliburton Campus. For more information call 705-457-2255 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolofTheArts.ca

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AUGUST 12: THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS QUILT GUILD'S MONTHLY MEETING - Join us at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church on Mountain St. Catherine E. Swift author, quilter and poet will present a trunk show of her quilts and give a presentation based on her journey through self publishing her book on quilting and poetry. Catherine E. Swift author, quilter and poet will present a trunk show of her quilts and give a presentation based on her journey through self publishing her book on quilting and poetry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 14: BUCK'S TAVERN - AN OUTDOOR THEATRICAL EVENT - A retrospective of 150 years of Minden history in a dramatic and musical presentation. Memorable local historical characters emerge to celebrate Minden's history in words and song. Join us for a pre-performance reception. For more information call 705-286-2808 or email culturalcentre@mindentimes.ca

AUGUST 13: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS - Held at the Kawartha Dairy Minden. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 8:30 p.m. - dusk.

AUGUST 13: JAIL 'n BAIL FUNDRAISER - Presented by the Village of Minden. Arrange to have your loved one (or not so loved one) put in our jail cell. Watch them squirm as they try to convince bystanders to contribute towards their bail. Funds go to support local charity. For more information call 705-286-3154 or email museum@mindentimes.ca

AUGUST 13: HWYEN SHORT STORY NIGHT AT THE DOMINION - Local writers come together for a relaxing evening to read their own original short stories. 7:30 p.m., Dominion Hotel, downtown Minden. Come to read or just to listen. Everyone welcome, no cover, no minimum. Call Marge at 286-2592

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 14: HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH RADIOTHON - Join Canoe 100.9 FM & MOOSE 93.5 FM as they reach for the future. Phone in your donations! Benefiting HHHSF. For more details call 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580, email foundation@hhsf.ca or visit www.hhsf.ca

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 15: HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO-EXCERPT CONCERTS - A chance to hear participants in the Highlands Opera Studio sing their favourite solos, duets and ensemble pieces from the best loved operas in the world. For more information call the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion 705-457-9933 or email bokels@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 16: STEPPIN' OUT IN THE HIGHLANDS - Presented by Yours Outdoors. This fully guided deluxe hiking adventure lets you experience the natural beauty of the Haliburton Highlands on foot, while enjoying great hospitality and fine cuisine. You will hike the Crests of Kenosis, take a Walk in the Clouds, Search for the Harbours Walls, discover the Sculpture Forest and explore a wetland. You can relax at the end of the day with a massage, yoga, or live music. 1 week advanced registration please. For more information call Barne Martin 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

AUGUST 15: MINDEN HOMECOMING DAY OF THE MINDEN SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Bike tours will be held with a choice of rides for cyclists of all abilities. Check out this

as well as other interesting Minden Sesquicentennial activities at the www.minden150.ca website

AUGUST 15: MINDEN BIKE TOUR - In celebration of Minden's 150th Birthday, the Cycling Coalition has partnered with the Sesquicentennial Committee to host a Bike Tour. There will be 3 distances in the tour all of which will take place in and around the Minden area - 30 km, 70 km and 150 km. For more information call Rick Cox at 705-268-1260 ext 220 or email rcox@mindentimes.ca

AUGUST 15: CANOE FM - COUNTRY MUSIC HOE DOWN - Come on out and support Canoe FM, the volunteer community radio station. Join Canoe FM at the Minden Arena for an evening of outstanding classic country music featuring Johnny Burke and Eastwind and a number of other fabulous country musicians. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a chance to meet and greet and look over silent auction items, dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. And music begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available at Canoe FM. For more information contact Roxanne Casey at 705-457-9603 or email CanoeFMadmin@belnet.ca

AUGUST 15: PANCAKE BREAKFAST & YARD SALE - Join us between 9 am and 12 noon at the Fort Irwin Residence Association Hall on Haliburton Lake Road, 4 km north of the Fort Irwin Marina.

AUGUST 15: SWING BAND DANCE - Presented by the Haliburton & District Lions Club and featuring The Greater Toronto Area Swing Band. The dance will be held at the Haliburton Legion and doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dancing starts at 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per person and includes the late night light buffet. Cash Bar. Casual country dress. All proceeds to support SIRCH COMMUNITY HOSPICE! Tickets available at Herwood's Variety, Minden Pharmasave or call Mary Law 705-448-1128 or David Mills 705-457-1354

AUGUST 15: SLACAR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - at Beaverbrook Golf Course at 1 pm. For details call Patti Prentice 286-2092

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 22: CAMP WANAKITA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD D2 - Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakitacamp.ca

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 16: HALIBURTON/STANHOPE (CND4) HOMEBUILT/ULTRAUGHT FLY IN - This is a fly-in or camp out for the weekend event. This large gathering of aircraft is a must see for any aviation enthusiast! For more information contact Joe Packer at 705-754-2611 or email airport@halinet.on.ca

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 16: HALIBURTON NIGHT ATV RIDE - Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Meet at Fire House Restaurant on #35 15 minutes north of Carnarvon for dinner 8:00 p.m. Leaving before 10:00 p.m. for an all nighter in the Pine Springs area. Campfire along the way. High light trail. At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lubow at 705-457-5345

AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further, Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Cardiff! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lubow at 705-457-5345

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



Grace Ogg has been a Soyers cottager since 1948 and the corn has never tasted better.



Soyers Lake kids compete in a sack race during the 34th annual Soyers Lake Corn Roast on Saturday, August 15.

How do you eat your corn?

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

It was a MasterCard commercial waiting to happen: 300 cobs of tasty corn; three-dozen hamburgers; 24 hotdogs; one awesome watermelon hunt; a day with friends, priceless.

In a giant field bordering Soyers Lake sits the property of Tim Elstone and Elizabeth Turner, co-owners of Lakeview Cottages, the site of the 34th annual Soyers

Lake Corn Roast.

Meet Lew McCorriston, he was the first and most long standing association president with a 20-year tenure. Today's he's delighted to greet you upon entering the roast grounds.

By car or by boat a number of volunteers from the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association made things happen—from boiling water to a server asking what you'd like to drink to organizing games for the families and groups in attendance.



Cheyenne Pinel, 14, of Pickering caught an egg but couldn't prevent it from breaking and flying on her, and the ground.

Left: Matthew Cowie, 11, of Richmond Hill celebrates his watermelon-finding win. Two of the melons were discreetly hidden within the grounds for prizes, just one of many games throughout the evening.

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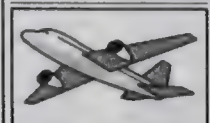
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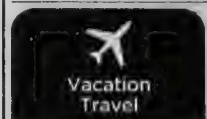
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If you are interested in victim issues and wish to be a part of this organization please go to our website www.victim-services.org for more information and print off our application form or call our office at: 1-800-574-4401 (who would they ask for if they call?)

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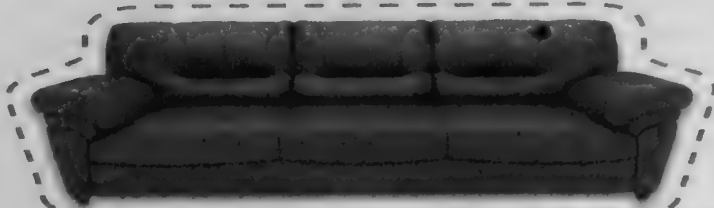
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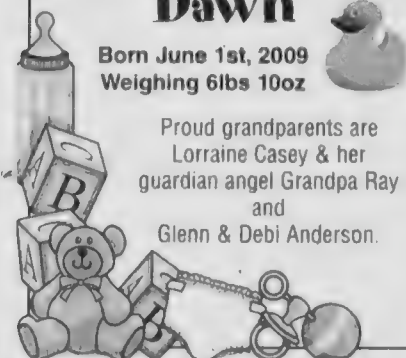
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Steven & Kayla Davidson
August 23, 2008

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fulfilling one of her many dreams in life.

Sarah graduated with her diploma
in Early Childhood Education from Fleming
College in Peterborough on June 9th, 2009.
She is now a full time toddler teacher at
"My School" in Pickering, Ontario.

Love You, Mom & Rick Stamp

*In Loving Memory of a
special Dad & Granpa
Jerry Wood
August 20, 2001*

Love Lives On

*Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is memory,
they'll live on in the heart.*

*Love Always
and never forgotten
Craig, Barb, Kristert and Adam*

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Who went to be with Jesus
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*To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past
But to us your memory will always last.
Sadly missed and fondly remembered by*

**Mom and Dad
Faye and David McPhail**

Announcements



Patricia Carnochan

Resident of Gooderham, Ontario

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday evening, August 12, 2009 in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Carnochan. Loving mother of Karen Traviss (William) of Courtice, Myra of Oshawa, Thomas of Tory Hill, Patricia (Rich Wood) of Regina, Sask., and Kathy of Oshawa. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Jeremy, Sarah (Joe), Tammie, Ryan, Kalum, Shannon and by her great grandchildren Hailey, Jesse & Tiah. Dear sister of Sidney, Elsie, Mary (Hank Madill), Dorothy & Gladys McNeil. Predeceased by her brothers Jim, Lenard, Herbert, William, Larry, Harry and her sisters Florence, Eida, Ada & Doreen. Also remembered by many her nieces, nephews, her extended family and her many friends.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday evening, August 17, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, August 18, 2009 at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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COULTER, VIOLET MARY August 20, 1925 - July 31, 2009

Violet Mary Coulter (nee Cowan) was born in Carnarvon, Ontario on August 20, 1925 and passed away on July 31, 2009 at Qualicum Beach, British Columbia. She married Garnet Charles Coulter on December 6, 1945 in Minden, Ontario. In the spring of 1952 they moved to Campbell River, BC.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Garnet; her daughters Joan (Jim) Munro of Campbell River, BC and Sharon (John) Ahokas of Lantzville BC; her grandchildren Debra (Ken) Losen, Todd (Jackie) Munro, Paula (Mike) Avender, Graeme (Stephanie) Ahokas; Jason (Amanda) Ahokas, and Katherine Ahokas (Robbie); seven great grandsons Nathan, Hunter, Andrew, Tanar, Daniel, Cohen and Caleb; on sister and two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

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Edyth Dewey

Edyth Louisa Dewey, formerly of Gooderham, died on July 21, 2009 at St. Joseph's at Fleming in Peterborough. She was in her 93rd year.

The daughter of William J. Dovell and Francis (Baby) Dovell was born on November 8, 1916, in Gooderham. Edyth was predeceased by her husband Daniel Dewey (1986).

She is survived by her daughter Carol (Gordon Dawson) and her son Garey (Faye), her grandchildren Kim (Grant Hopkins), Christine (James Smith), and Gordon (Kim), and Marci (Gordon Young) and her great grandchildren Meagan, Marissa Elizabeth, Charlotte, Daniel and Shae.

Other relatives include special sisters-in-law Etta Dovell and Alida Dewey, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers Floyd and William, and sister Evelyn.

Edyth was a talented and energetic woman who helped others with no fanfare. Among her many talents, she was admired for her cooking, cake decorating, quilting, knitting, and crocheting. She enjoyed the home that Dan built for their family, and it was always a welcoming place for family and friends. Visitors never left her home with an empty stomach and often with gifts from her kitchen. Edyth contributed her time and talents to helping support the Gooderham United Church where she was a life long member of the congregation.

The funeral was held in the Gooderham United Church on Saturday, July 25, 2009 with Rev. Patsy Henry and Rev. John Sloan officiating. Interment at Glamorgan Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Gordon Dawson, James Smith, Grant Hopkins, Gordon Young, Grant and Cory Hunter.

In Loving memory of Selina Adams

August 18, 2008

Grandmother

*We had a wonderful grandmother,
One who never really grew old;
Her smile was made of sunshine,
And her heart was solid gold;
Her eyes were as bright as
shining stars,
And in her cheeks fair roses
you will see.
We had a wonderful grandmother,
And that's the way it will be.*

Always in our hearts
Barb, Craig, Kristen and Adam

In Loving Memory of Selina Adams

Who passed away August 18, 2008

*If roses grow in Heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for us,
Place them in our Mother's arms
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her that we love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.
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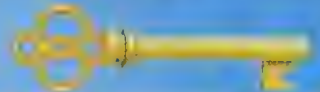


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HALIBURTON HOME

3 bdrm ranch style bungalow situated on a 10 acre parcel providing ultimate privacy. 10 mins to town, open concept, sunken LR, pine cathedral ceilings, mstr bdrm with ensuite, full w/o bsmt. Beautiful gardens.
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HALIBURTON LAKE

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HALIBURTON LAKE

Cute and cozy 3 bdrm cottage situated on the water's edge. Beautiful, clean shoreline, 3 pce bath, open concept, side patio with hot tub. Large dock, great view of the lake. Adjacent property also for sale.
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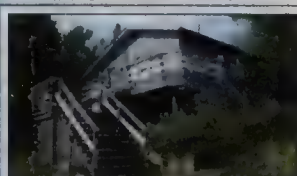
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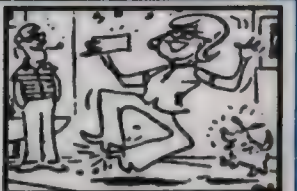
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Story of the Yellow Rock

Column by Jenn Watt

Photo by Dave Barclay

If you've ever been given directions in the Gooderham area, it's likely you've heard of the yellow rock.

"I'm third on the left, just past the yellow rock," you might have been told.

Or if you live down Yellow Rock Trail, you may have instructed visitors to "turn at the yellow rock. You can't miss it!"



A new generation has taken on the task of touching up the yellow rock on Glamorgan Road. This summer Taylor Barclay, left, Alley Battcock and Paige Barclay spruced up the old landmark.

Emergency services numbers may have made navigating the Highlands easier for an outsider, but there's still nothing better than a big, bright, yellow-painted rock to act as another signpost along the way.

The yellow rock on Glamorgan Road (County Road 3) has a long history.

Around 1963 road crews were painting yellow lines down what was then called the old Buckhorn Road when they were asked to lend some paint to a neighbouring resident.

His kids – the Bingham twins – "thought it was hilarious" to dump the yellow-line paint on the rock, says Yellow Rock Trail resident Kathy Mason.

That act of youthful mischief became a useful marker for identifying the road leading off the Buckhorn and painting it became a tradition of cottagers and full-time residents.

In the 1970s, the rock was modified with a bright red peace symbol, echoing the subversive culture of the decade.

Cottagers tried to paint around the symbol, but it eventually faded.

Painting the rock has become a community effort, with children often going in groups to touch up the flaking paint.

Appropriately, this year another pair of twins – Paige and Taylor Barclay – gave the rock another coat of bright yellow with their friend Alley Battcock and father, Dave.

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500 cyclists pedal through county

More than 400 cyclists will be pedaling through Haliburton County again this week in the sixth annual Tour For Kids to raise much needed funds for children's cancer camps in Ontario. The four-day, 800-km bike tour – themed "Ride Somewhere Meaningful" – will circle Ontario cottage country, linking up with Ontario summer camps for children with cancer. This year, the event is expected to raise \$1 million, bringing the total funds raised over the past six years to approximately \$5 million.

To date, Tour For Kids has been able to send over 2,500 children with cancer to enjoy the joys of childhood, through a summer camp experience, while receiving their necessary medical treatments.

Based on the founding principles and volunteer model of the Tour For Kids event, and the generous support of corporate sponsors, 100 per cent of the donations raised go directly to Camp Trillium, Camp Quality and Camp Oochigeas to help send children to camp and provide the required support and treatments during their stay. Riders raise funds through pledges and have the opportunity to dedicate their ride to a child or loved one who has been impacted by cancer.

Investors Group continues to support Tour For Kids as Title Sponsor, helping fund the operation of the event, while raising additional funds and building awareness for the camps.

Tour For Kids 2009 will kick off at

Bruce's Mills Conservation Area on Thursday, August 20. The group will cycle in a circuit through cottage country, riding through the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Highlands regions before returning to Bruce's Mills on August 23. Cyclists will ride the 800 kms at their

own pace over designated scenic rural routes, fully supported with rest stations, accommodations and meals along the way.

For more information, to register as a rider or a volunteer, or to make a donation, visit www.tourforkids.com.

Highlands cottager Jeff Rushton is the founder of Tour For Kids, an annual bicycle ride that raises money for children with cancer. One of the stops along the 800-km route is Haliburton.



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Friday, August 21: Excerpts Concert, featuring some of the world's favourite opera pieces. Presented at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the High School in Haliburton. Admission \$25. Call 457-9933 for your tickets.

Saturday, August 22: Two Concert Operas, featuring: *La voix humaine* by Francis Poulenc with Colleen Skull; and *The Telephone* by Gian-Carlo Menotti featuring singers Allison Arends and Andrew Love. Admission \$25. Call 457-9933 for your tickets.

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Hey, stop bouncing. Nancy Lowes wonders if her husband Rick is deliberately making the hemlock planks bounce up and down as they make their way along Haliburton Forest's canopy tour.

Once you get over your initial trepidation about walking on a 30-centimetre-wide plank suspended 20 metres above the forest floor, you can marvel at how beautiful life can be when you take A Walk In the Clouds.



The birds have it right

Haliburton Forest's canopy tour gives you a sense of life in the treetops • by Martha Perkins

Evolution has given us some pretty good reasons to feel scared when we're standing on a 30-centimetre-wide plank suspended 20 metres above the forest floor.

Instinct tells us that if we fall, we won't be passing on our genes to the next generation.

Our brain is sending out a pretty clear message: "Danger! Stay where you are! Don't take that first step!"

Because our ancient ancestors listened to their inner voices, they stopped at the cliff's edge, turned around, went home and had babies.

But those early humans didn't have Sean Pennylegion leading them through a Walk in the Clouds.

Accepting an invitation to join a canopy tour high up in the treetops of Haliburton Forest is part of my year-long quest to conquer fears. I am determined to stare down all the things that have held me back. It's not so much that I'm afraid of heights; I just feel a bit woozy when I'm pushing my safety boundaries.

So there I was, the person who has never made it to the top of the Dorset Tower, taking my first step onto the suspended walking bridge between the trees and fighting every instinct to end this craziness.

It looks pretty enough – the graceful arch of the ropes suspended from tree top to tree top, the view of the sky, the promise of an exciting journey to places only the birds get to see – but the darned boardwalk moves with every step you take. Not side to side but a gentle up and down, like small waves on a beach. Only there's



It's a long, long way down to the bottom of the forest floor. But don't spend all your time looking at your feet – the best view is when you look up, way up.

nothing but an undulating plank and 20 metres of air between me and the beach.

Can I go home now?

It's not Sean Pennylegion's role to cajole me into taking the next step. Yes, our canopy tour guide is a calming presence but it's more because he's given me a mental safety net. Before my group took its first step up there in the clouds, he walked us through a number of procedures that are designed to take away even

the smallest risk. We are hooked onto the suspended wires that hold up the bridge by two strong ropes that are attached to a harness strapped snugly around our waist and legs. When we're still on firm ground, we practice unhooking one rope at a time when we have to walk around the trees that act as the bridge's buttresses. We know that we have our partner checking to make sure that we've done it right. And we are comforted by the knowledge that none of the thousands of people who have taken this walk have ever had to make use of these safety precautions. (Only a couple of people have got to the base of the canopy tour and said they aren't doing it, period.)

The suspended boardwalk itself is made with only the best materials, chief among them the hemlock planks. They were cut from the forest one day, milled and strung between the trees the next. Hemlock is the type of wood used to build all the barns that will still stand generations after the farmers have all left. It's incredibly strong, water resilient and not prone to splinters.

The first steps are the hardest for those of us who aren't thrill-seeking inclined. (Pennylegion politely asks if any of us have "height anxiety.") But once you get over the fear of seeming to walk on air, it is quite a lot of fun.

The boardwalk is about half a kilometre long. For those of us who live among the trees, the experience

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Haliburton Forest gives you a bird's eye view

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of being up there in the treetops is neat but not, perhaps, as breathtaking as it is for people who live in urban areas. They must be amazed by the silence and serenity of the forest canopy. Birds sing all around us but that's it as far as sound goes. No engine noises, no sirens, no chattering masses. It's divine, especially when it makes you feel like a forest god.

Before you set off in the treetops, Pennylegion has already told you about the history and ecology of Haliburton Forest, a 70,000-acre private wildlife reserve that's also a working forest. There are 300 km of trails for snowmobilers, dogsledders and mountain bikers. There are campsites on 17 of the property's 60 lakes. In late August, Bone Lake is turned into an outdoor amphitheatre for the annual Forest Festival and there's also a night-sky observatory, logging museum and wolf centre. Making this all work is an ongoing logging operation, the first in Canada to get a stamp of sustainable approval from the Forest Stewardship Council.

The canopy tour begins at the base

camp on the hill overlooking Kennis Lake. Pennylegion, who's a graduate of Fleming College's ecotourism management program, introduces himself and fellow guide Jessica Spooner before you all load into a van for the 20-minute ride to the shores of Pelaw Lake. There, you gingerly step into a long war canoe and start your group-bonding adventure by paddling in unison to the other end of the small lake. There's a small hike to the base of Huff 'n' Puff Hill, where you pick up your safety gear before you climb to the training area at the top of the hill. Pennylegion teaches you how to ensure your genes live on and then you set off along the boardwalk.

Towards the end of the canopy tour, a platform has been built overlooking the Pelaw River, which feeds into Pelaw Lake which, in turn, is part of the headwaters for Lake Ontario. Pennylegion unpacks a snack lunch of granola bars, fruit and water and you savour these last moments up in the clouds.

The birds have it right.

For more information about the canopy tour or Haliburton Forest, take a virtual tour of this extraordinary property at www.haliburtonforest.com.



Towards the end of the tour, people can enjoy the beautiful view of the Pelaw River from an observation deck. (Snacks are also provided to fortify you for your journey down to earth.) The trip doesn't end, however, until you paddle your way back across Pelaw Lake.

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The trio has been very popular, with Jack's sensitive and inventive skills providing beautiful accompaniment to Norm's exceptional creativity, and to Chilco's sultry or sassy vocal interpretations of the jazz and blues tunes they favour. Each year has been sold out, and audiences have enjoyed a combination of standards alongside original compositions by Chilco.

For 2009, the group will be joined by another extraordinary musician: John Deehan, on saxophone and flute, has played in the U.K., in Europe, and in the United States, and has been likened to the famous Stan Getz for his sound.



Norm Amadio, Zoe Chilco and Jack McFadden will be joining forces once again to provide a night of jazz in Carnarvon.

So put aside Saturday, August 22, and order your tickets now – they are being sold in advance only, since this year's venue will have a limited seating. The evening will take place as a house concert at the home of Bailey Renshaw, one of the principals of the popular Senitt Puppets – crafts that were well-known in the community and throughout the US for years.

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The Forest is alive with the sounds of music

The 2009 Forest Festival will run from Thursday, August 20 to Sunday, August 23. Concerts will be held at two venues in Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve: the amphitheatre that overlooks serene and isolated Bone Lake and the historic Logging Museum at Base Camp. There will be offering six exciting performances: four evening shows and two matinees.

The outstanding lineup includes performances by the acclaimed Toronto roots/blues band Porkbelly Futures and their leader, award-winning author Paul Quarrington.

Thursday evening, the audience will join a Wolf Howl with the captive pack of Western timber wolves at Haliburton Forest during the intermission of the Porkbelly Futures concert. An unforgettable experience!

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Quarrington will read excerpts from one

or two of his novels prior to the concert. Quarrington won the Stephen Leacock Medal for *King Leary*, a title that also won the 2008 CBC Canada Reads competition. *Whale Music* won the Governor General's Award for Fiction and was one of several of his novels adapted as a feature film.

Back by popular demand, local spoken word artist Ryan Dawson will open the concert.

On Friday night there's a performance by the extraordinary violinist/fiddler Anne Lindsay who will be joined by her long-time collaborator and guitar wizard Jason Fowler. Lindsay is best known for her work with John McDermott and Blue Rodeo. She is also a member of The Jim Cuddy Band. Jason Fowler is a consummate musician with an encyclopedic knowledge of musical styles from folk, country and bluegrass, to blues, rock, jazz and classical. Two veterans

of the local performing arts community, Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth, will open this concert.

Lindsay will also perform her one-woman show "String Sound Poetry" in matinee on Sunday at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre. Lindsay plays a variety of stringed instruments including the Scandinavian Nyckelharpa which she played as a cast member of the *Lord of*

the Rings stage show in Toronto. Veteran singer songwriter Thom Lambert opens.

For the complete schedule, please go to www.theforestfestival.com. Tickets are \$25. A limited number of "all access" passes will be available for \$80. Tickets are available at Haliburton Forest, Rails End Gallery, the Art Hive, the Haliburton County Information Centre in Minden and the Haliburton County Folk Society.



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James Orr celebrates his 30th year at Sir Sam's Inn

Story by DJ Gunning

Walking up to Sir Sam's Inn, I was pleasantly overwhelmed by the precious silence that the inn's location on the quiet banks of Eagle Lake affords. The silence was broken occasionally by a motorboat speeding across the lake in the distance, a few birds trumpeting your arrival and the intermittent crescendo of laughter arising from newly formed friendships.

Owner James Orr walked me through the bar and lounge area that holds one of the inn's most treasured possessions. It's the original gun rack used by the man who built Sir Sam's as his hunting and fishing lodge, former Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence Sir Samuel Hughes. Hughes was warmly greeted as summer visitor in the Highlands in the early 1900s but he was given a much cooler reception in the House of Commons after

the Ross Rifle he bought for the troops in the First World War didn't work. He was forced to resign in 1916 and returned to his home base in Lindsay. He died in 1921 at the age of 69. But that is a whole other story in itself.

The gun rack is now the stunning centerpiece of the lounge and is used to display the fine selection of scotches and other cocktail mixers.

As we toured the twin fires dining room, my first thought was "stunning." It has an immediate old world charm once you enter the double doors into the room that offers a stunning view of the lake.

I talked to Orr about the task of finding a new chef and creating a unique environment in the

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Manager J.T. Lowes, Innkeeper James Orr and chef Rob Cleland work together to make a visit to Sir Sam's Inn a memorable experience. They've just introduced the Supper Club. James Orr is celebrating his 30th anniversary as the inn's owner.

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dining room. "It has to appeal to a broad section of tastes. Food is so subjective; it's one of those areas of the business where you can't necessarily make everybody happy all the time."

However, with a menu that changes fresh every single day with three appetizers, salads and entrees, thanks to Chef Rob Cleland, I think you can certainly try.

The buzz phrase in the food world these days is the 100-mile diet. Haliburton is limited in a certain sense in that there is only so much you can do with rhubarb and maple syrup but Haliburton's local farmers certainly offer a very nice selection of locally grown greens and animal products and wild game that Chef Rob tries to incorporate into his daily changing menu.

A prime example of this would be the mouth-watering prosciutto-wrapped quail stuffed with goats cheese and sage served on a roasted parsnip mash. Hungry yet?

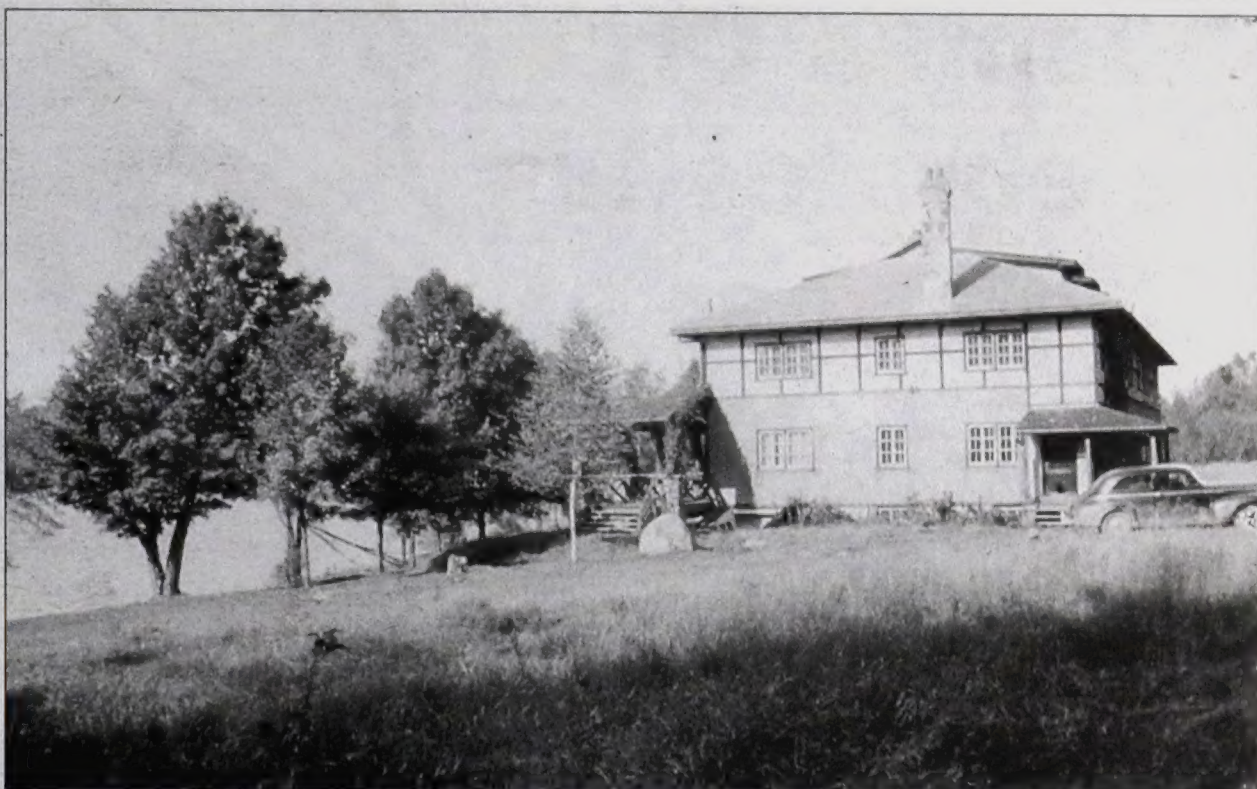
Orr, who bought the inn from the Bishop family 30 years ago this year, has been challenged to provide something more for his travelling clientele and for locals alike. We talked about his latest introduction to the inn, the Supper Club.

"The idea is to provide information to people about food and recipes, health and organic elements are a part of that," he says. "People can join the Supper Club so that they can enjoy the occasional newsletter on the food being featured and news on events that are being offered at the Inn. For locals it's great because you can make an afternoon out of it by relaxing in the hydrotherapy circuit then following it with a special dinner such as the red wine and wild game evening, or a six- or seven-course wine pairing evening. You can sign up through the front desk or on the website; all you have to do is provide us with an email address where you will then be provided with information on the upcoming events."

I was obviously getting the sense that this resort is preciously maintained and caters to the couples market, an interesting concept since you see most resorts going in the direction of becoming more and more family friendly.

When asked about his decision to appeal and cater specifically to couples, James maintained his passion for his business model. "When you focus on couples, you can appeal to the young and young at heart so it really crosses the age spectrum."

Haliburton and Sir Sam's Inn offers an incredibly unique experience for couples who like to spend time together outdoors, when not relaxing in the water spa. Orr got contemplative when I asked him about the changes he's seen in our hometown over the years and how it can add to the appeal to his guests. "I would like to see Haliburton remain pristine, but growth is going to follow cottage country by virtue of the limited amount we have across Ontario and the popularity of



it. I certainly appreciate the investment that has gone into the golf courses and in particular the Haliburton Forest and of course Sir Sam's Ski Area as locations that can add to the experience that our guests can enjoy."

I asked Orr how, after 30 years in the business, he continues to maintain his focus and his passion. "I loved building the inn and having it evolve and many times having to reinvent it and those are the challenging times that have really defined what the inn has become. The waterspa was really difficult but it was something I knew that would complement what were doing here for the couple experience."

During our tour we visited the waterspa room and encountered a young couple just finishing up a circuit in the spa. James asked how they were doing and the response was one that summed up the entire experience. Said the grinning gentleman as he headed over to his fresh towels and robe, "We can hardly walk." Seemed like the perfect time to leave the blissful two-some to the couples lounge bed and enjoy the relaxation that they came here for.



Sir Sam's Inn was built by Sir Sam Hughes as a hunting and fishing retreat on the shores of Eagle Lake. He certainly needed a peaceful retreat after he was forced to resign as Canada's First World War minister of the militia following the Ross Rifle scandal.



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Reporter Jenn Watt tries to make it from platform to platform without touching the ground.

Sappy campers

Awkward Moments column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

"That's it! I'm sending you two to camp!" If those words came from anyone other than editor Parsimonious Perkins, fellow reporter Jenn Watt and I wouldn't have been half as frightened as we were.

"Oh my goodness, the rumours are true," Watt whispered. "She does have a gulag."

As crazy as it sounded, even I didn't believe this. Sure Perkins was the toughest editor this side of Beijing; sure she was rejected from the Axis of Evil because she was overqualified, but even she had her limits.

"This will be great," Perkins continued. "You'll get to carry canoes, sing cute camp songs, get re-educated, develop a positive attitude, and participate in all sorts of physical activities to get your mind and body in shape. Trust me, when they're done with you, you'll be a different person!"

I turned to Watt. "Dear Lord, you're right."

Then, as if to confirm that we were being punished for having dissident views, Perkins broke out her old Girl Guide books and started telling us stories about when she was young. If I recall correctly, the year was 1492...

I won't go into all the horrible, torturous details. Suffice it to say that we were forced to watch her as she sang and danced to several campfire songs, explained why semaphore was still relevant, and provided us with 12 handy recipes for marshmallows.

I thought I could take it but then she started reciting such useful prose as "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, what is a bra without a bust..."

"Enough!" I yelled, as I held out my wrists, "I'll go to camp!"

So it was that Jenn and I were shipped off to Camp Wanakita.

Camp. Even now in my 47th year, the very word strikes abject terror into my heart. Perhaps it's because I still remember the kids from my neighborhood. They left as sarcastic, mouthy, and lazy individuals and were returned to us brimming with confidence, helpfulness, optimism, independence and manners. Sadly, they never did get over it.

Yet, despite all this, outwardly at least, Wanakita didn't look so bad.

We arrived with young Jodie Makin and her cousin Jake, both proud Wanakita alumni, to introduce us to camp life.

"Look at those poor kids," I muttered to Jenn. "They look happy, well-adjusted, and enthusiastic already. When they're done with them, they'll probably be camp counsellors."

Just then a shrill whistle blew and suddenly our

camp counsellor and his team jogged out smartly and in perfect time. Then a clean cut, physically fit young man stepped forward, flashed a gleaming white smile, looked at his clipboard and began the process of our indoctrination.

"Hello, my name is John and I'll be familiarizing you with the camp and helping you adjust to life around here. The idea of summer camp is to discover strengths you never even knew you had and then build on them. On the brief jog over here I came up with 645 useful and fun things for you to do before lunch, but I think we'll start with teaching you how to properly portage a canoe."

"Play along Jenn," I muttered. "This knowledge will come in handy when we make our escape attempt."

After a quick demonstration, in which I determined that swimming was probably easier, we were taken to a campsite on the beach.

"Steve," Jenn said, "I'm scared. What if they start singing campfire songs?"

I advised her to close her eyes and think of a happy place.

Suddenly, she smiled and said, "I'm thinking of a feminist rally for the poor. Right now were cooking vegan meals for them on a fire fueled by recycled, impractical shoes."

Despite the happy thoughts, Watt's will after the brief physical exertion of the canoe portage demonstration was weak. And it broke when they showed her the correct way to set up a tent, build a fire, and cook delicious camp food.

Suddenly, Jodie tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Your friend is singing and completing all the actions to the Penguin Song. I think her mind has snapped."

There Watt was, waddling from side to side, clapping her hands on her hips, and babbling silly words – just like normal. The only difference was she was singing about being a penguin.

By the way, no matter what anyone says, I only joined in to get next to her. After all, how else could I convey my escape plan? She never paid attention to Perkins's lecture on semaphore.

My plan was ingenious actually. Jake, Jodie, Jenn and I would simply volunteer to take down the tent – something any good camper would gladly do, by the way. With the wind reaching gale force speed as it was, I figured that, if each of us held tight to a corner, we'd

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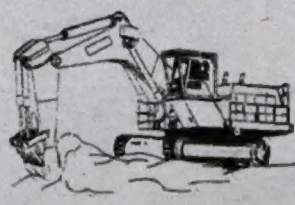
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Penguins at Camp Wanakita?

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be carried away and then our only problem would be finding a way home from Oz – something relatively minor when compared to our current predicament.

Unfortunately, midway through take off, Jake, Jodie, and Jenn actually started enjoying camp life, and let go of their corners. Worse yet, after they improvised a serviceable extension ladder out of Popsicle sticks and pine pitch and rescued me from that tall pine, John sensed something might be wrong.

"Steve," he began soothingly, "you seem to be lacking the positive attitude and can-do approach of a happy camper. Last time I heard of a case this bad was with Camper Perkins."

"You knew Perkins?"

"No, no I didn't. But she's somewhat of a legend around here. Got banned for life for using a magnifying glass to fry ants..."

"Banned for life? That seems kind of severe..."

"And uncles..."

"Well, I suppose that explains her happy memories of camp..."

Somewhere between that conversation and the low ropes, I realized that maybe camp wasn't that bad after all.



Jake, Jodie, Jenn and Steve volunteer to take down the tent as Steve secretly hopes this is his way of escaping camp.

Heck, in our brief time there, I learned a whole lot about my strengths and weaknesses. For instance, I'm not any good at low ropes, climbing ten-foot walls, portaging canoes, being positive, showing leadership, team building, roasting marshmallows, pitching tents, swimming, thinking, my job, parenthood, and being tall.

On the flip side, I've almost got the Penguin Song down cold, and that's strength to build on!

Camp Wanakita is just one of several summer camps in the Haliburton Highlands. Penguin Song notwithstanding, the professional staff at these places provide excellent programs and activities for youth, ranging from day camps to lengthy canoe trips. For once, Perkins is right; lifelong memories and friendships are made here. Just leave your magnifying glass at home....

For more information on Camp Wanakita email info@ymca-wanakita.on.ca, visit www.ymcabhb.ca/locations_wanakita.cfm, or call 705-457-2132 or 1-800-387-5081.



Jenn Watt discovers how much fun it is to cook dinner over an open fire, while Jake supervises.

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The light breeze brushes against the water and makes the pines sigh. Behind them, clouds wander aimlessly across an eggshell blue sky.

The spirit of this country is contained on that one rocky point. Bare-boned, raw, and beautiful, that jutting land mass has weathered the ages and maintained a quiet dignity. Water laps upon and shapes it imperceptibly. The pine and cedar trees cling to it like the talons of an osprey hold tight to a fish.

You can't help but look at a place like this and not be moved. You can't float in waters so clean and not whisper a prayer of thanks.

The fine people I'm with are from Europe. They can't get over the rugged beauty of the place. They beam with excitement when they tell me about the otters they watched in the bay and the two deer feeding on the little island across the way. These things we take for granted.

They marvel at the handful of boats that traverse the lake and say that in their country this place would be crowded and exploited. And, they tell me, in no uncertain words, how lucky I am to live in a place such as this.

I drink in the cool fresh air and nod in agreement.

As much as it's not in our national character, you cannot help but feel proud of this great land. Sooner or later, if you have any sense of reverence at all, it becomes a part of you, an extension of who you are, and you feel fiercely protective of it.

So, when you see that some uncaring fool has dumped a coffee cup at the boat



Visitors are in awe of the beauty in our rugged wilderness and remind us to never take it for granted. Go a step further and do what you can to protect and cherish it.

launch, you pick it up. These small gestures show that you are thankful to live among the balding rocks, tall pines, and vibrant hardwoods. They are a humble apology for the impact we've had on the beauty of this place we call home.

We live here, not just as occupants, but also as stewards. Our job is to respect

and protect this place, and to recognize that we are among the luckiest people on the planet.

The countryside we love has not been ruined yet. And our timing is such that

we are among the first generations to recognize the intrinsic value of wilderness and clean water. Our laws, for the most part, reflect this. Roads are built with care; shorelines are developed with forethought; waters are considered before we act.

Of course, we can do better. But the point is we are heading in the right direction. More than that, we have templates of the way it should be all around us in places like this.

And, in case you consider this emotional drivel with no practical benefits, consider that my companions on that day traveled across an ocean and spent thousands of dollars just to be here. Then ask yourself if that would have happened had we shown any less respect and reverence for this land of ours.

There is profit in respecting our wilderness. Not the shortsighted profit that comes with destruction either, but something more sustainable and wise – something to be far prouder of.

Simply put, it is the way of the future and it ought to start with a small gesture today.

Join Steve Galea, a contributor to the book *Fly Fishing Canada From Coast to Coast to Coast*, on Sunday, August 23 for a fly-tying workshop at the Tory Hill Market. The workshop starts at 10 a.m. The cost \$25 per person with all materials supplied. Space is limited so please register early by phoning 705-448-9785 or email toryhillmarket@gmail.com.



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